

Ward 4/7 NPA Meeting  
Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2018  
130 Gosse Court, Miller Center  
6:45-9pm  
Draft Minutes

Meeting Start: 7:00pm

Steering Committee member present: Linda Deliduka-Ward 7, Jeff Clark-Ward 4, Chris Trombly-Ward 7, Alex Farrell-Ward 4

**Steering Committee elections**

Commitment hour's commitment is 5-10 hours to be on committee. Up for re-election is everyone currently on the committee. Vote passed to re-elect all committee members on for another year. No new committee nominations made.

**School-Marty Spaulding/Preschool**

Last year presented a 10-year capital plan that was approved by the voters of 19million. This was to address deferred maintenance and infrastructure needs. Capital plan priorities included preschool center at IRA, Edmund renovation, Champlain drop off, IAA building HVAC updates, BHS Accessibility planning. First thing identified was that there's a need to have additional pre-schools. Required by the state to provide preschool services through Act 166 which increased preschool enrollment. When looking at 10-year plan saw that there would be no space to house students when working on renovation and infrastructure development. With these two reason of needs decided to use IRA district office building as a swing location to house students. A preschool was part of the capital plan and voter approved to bond overall district capital improvement and not individual projects that would come out of the process of decision making of a 10-year plan. It would of cost more money to develop mobile classrooms when development would be happening. Would also at the end of the 10-year would have the IRA building with the option to sell off to gain capital for the district. CP Smith and Edmunds will have pre-school development. North End Early Ed. center will have 5 classrooms. There will be a motor development room for 3-5 year olds. Will have a kitchen to support early Edu., Occupational Therapist, Language Pathologist and will have a direction connection to the school for support. Will have primary entrance with drop off area. The landscape will have shade trees. The community garden and apple tree orchard will have minimal impact and no mature trees will be removed. Designers are looking at minimal disruption to natural garden area and to neighbors. Looked at various locations at CP smith to develop preschool building but came up against underground utilities. Putting preschool at the ball field as a single standalone building school brought some concerns. This would increase the cost due to a longer road and adding parking would compromise the safety of the preschoolers. Felt that building a preschool site at CP Smith could accommodate the expansion and flexibility to provide P&Z parking requirement and traffic control design. There is a 30 minute drop off from preschool and elementary so won't double the congestion. Majority of students are bused in also. Already transporting

neighbor preschoolers to IRA building which building a neighborhood preschool would alleviate this travel for families. Go to BSD website and look for design.

**Parks & Rec., and Waterfront Summer Updates-Cindi Wight-Director, Nina Safavi-Parks Comprehensive Planner, Vincent Comai-City Arborist**

**Cindi**-Summer events update. Beach Bites will be back at Leddy. North beach turns 100 years and campground is 95 years this year. Kids Day is May 5<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup> will be by the Waterfront. Senior picnic at Oak ledge. Champ camp at CP Smith. There is new senior center at CORE 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 20 Allen Street in Old North End. Served 10k meals last summer. Summer team of 5 organizations will provide programming until 10pm. Ballroom dancing will be at Miler and women's soccer will be at Star farm. There is new registration software which is more user friendly and mobile. VYCC hires Burlington youth to work on trails. Gardens plots are full. There are over 800 gardens.

**Nina**-Bike path in northern section will have last touch landscaping and infrastructure. From camp ground to shore will be detoured. After this will be done. Leddy will have new exercise equipment. Previous Burlington College property will have new trails and improved ecology. Apple tree tennis courts will be reconstructed due to drainage issues. One court will be removed and two will be reconstructed. N. Beach overpass will have sidewalks and be wider. Formalized foot path of Kilarney to be ADA assessable. Go to <https://enjoyburlington.com/> for project updates. Parks will have new signs.

**Vincent**-Recently discover an invasive insect, the emerald ash borer, which is disastrous to ash trees and currently spotted Found in four Vermont towns. Vermont is the 33<sup>rd</sup> state to be infected. Significant for Burlington and will impact 1200 trees that the City manages. This doesn't not include Emerald Ashe private property. A plan was put in place to address this issue. The North End has the majority of the City's Ash. Looking at the community to help address this issue. Have purchased insect traps to monitor this issue. This is an opportunity to plant more trees between Ash trees and diversify our tree stock. There is a treatment against this issue. One is to inject pesticides in to the infected tree. There is an organic pesticide. Moving forward will look at cost effectiveness. By the time someone starts to see the symptoms of an infected tree, it's too late. <https://www.vtinvasives.org/> will give the sign of what to look for. A likely point of entry is McNeil because bringing in other trees from the state. Feel free to contact Vincent with questions. Email: [vcomai@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:vcomai@burlingtonvt.gov)  
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**Plan BTV – Meagan Tuttle-P&Z Senior Planner/Ava Schemer-Intern**

There is a plan BTV for the whole City. Sometimes this plan is called comprehensive or municipality plan. Since 1970's this plan outlines, housing, economic and infrastructure development of the City. The plan will expire in less than a year. Working with CCRPC and will hold several forums to share with public in May. Will hear from residents of what is affecting people. A forum will be held on May 16, 6pm in Miller Center workshop for the New End. There will be 4 other workshops in the City. Will live stream. Will be using some of the census data

but required by State to update every 5 years that doesn't line up with 2020 census. This is the last time that BTV will need to update every 5 years and will go to 8years.

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/PZ/Planning>

### **Elected Officials**

**Dave Hartnett, North District Councilor**-Memorial Auditorium will need to have input from the residents. Believe that it's worth saving to be a civic space for events and programs. In general Memorial needs an overall haul which will most likely be bonded. Delayed maintenance has caused this issue to deteriorate and make buildings inaccessible across the City buildings. Chair of PAC and will be working on City Hall Park design. Currently in favor of design which will improve usage and safety. It's hard to see change but do believe that most of the projects done is progress. Supported Cambrian Rise because local developer and City inquired 18 acres of public land. Was startled the amount of trees cut and asked Eric Farrell to come present at the next NPA. It's always good to bring a developer back to answer to residents if outcome will still benefit the public. First Night is put on the City but would support keeping open a low barrier shelter over First Night. This low barrier shelter makes it assessable to people who have addictions that would not be let in to other shelters for families. Don't want to see these people, some who are veterans be left behind by the City. Will be advocating for this shelter to remain open.

Meeting End. 8:54 Minutes by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO